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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Gas Company, as a Gas Public
Utility, for Authority to Construct Facilities and Render
Natural Gas Service in the Town of Lebanon, Waupaca
County and the Town of Maple Creek, Outagamie County

6650-CG-202

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING,
INVESTIGATION, AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING to consider the July 28, 2000, application of Wisconsin Gas Company (WGC), as a gas public utility, for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 133 to initiate natural gas utility service in the town of Lebanon, Waupaca County, and the town of Maple Creek, Outagamie County, Wisconsin.

WGC is a gas public utility, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5)(a), engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas to the public in the city of Milwaukee and its suburban areas and in other Wisconsin cities, villages, and towns.

On April 15, 1998, Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO) was granted a certificate of authority in docket 6630-CG-105 to proceed with construction and render natural gas service in the town of Lebanon, Waupaca County, and the town of Maple Creek, Outagamie County. The certificate became void after WEPCO did not begin on-site physical construction within the extended time specified in the order and notified the Commission that it does not plan to pursue providing service in these areas. No natural gas utility is currently providing natural gas service in the above-mentioned towns.

In its application, WGC states that approximately 5 miles of 4-inch, 7,311 feet of 3-inch, and approximately 5,906 feet of 1¼-inch distribution gas mains will be installed. All gas mains will be located within the public road rights-of-way and Maple Creek will be crossed by directional boring. The project will serve an estimated 62 residential and 8 commercial customers in its first year. WGC estimates the cost of the proposed project at \$245,099.

The Commission intends to consider the application without a hearing.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an

investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). No unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely. Neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Tom Stemrich at (608) 266-2800.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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